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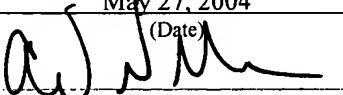
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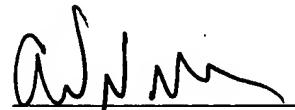
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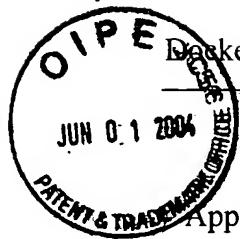
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 42 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 10/136,095, filed April 30, 2002, which is the parent of this divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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